lists national socio-demographic goals for 2010 leading to population stabilization by 2045.

Revival of HFCL

*185. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have deferred their plan to shut down three units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) at Durgapur, Haldia and Barauni;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering a revival plan for these three units;

(d) if so, the detail thereof; and

(e) whether delay in re-starting is affecting the revival process?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (e) While a decision has already been taken by the Government to close/hive off the Haldia Fertilizer Project which could never be commissioned, a comprehensive rehabilitation proposal for Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. based on unit wise techno-economic viability is under Government's consideration. The operations of Durgapur and Barauni units had to be suspended due to the high and unremunerative cost of production. The rehabilitation of these units is dependent on the decision of the Government and the final outcome of the proceedings pending before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction and as such these two units have been kept under preservation.

Rail passes to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.

*186. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Ist and Ilnd Class journey card passes are being issued to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. for travelling on all the Indian Railways;